

NEWS ANALYSIS/Pinhas Landau

Black market dollar rockets in panic-buying

A huge wave of panic-buying has sharply pushed up the black market price of the dollar since the weekend.

Yesterday afternoon, dealers in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv were asking as much as \$295 for each dollar, \$110 up from the previous day and \$25 higher than the price at the end of last week.

The dealers are pushing the price up relentlessly in an attempt to ration the supply by using the classic free-market price mechanism. In theory, if the price rises sharply, buyers should be deterred and the demand should slacken.

However, economic theory, based on the assumption of rational behaviour by buyers and sellers, has broken down in the face of panic among the public. People seem determined to get rid of their shekels as quickly as possible, and the daily jumps in the free-market price only serve to encourage them by proving that the sooner they act the less they will lose.

The premium, or differential between the free and official rates, has reached approximately 27 per cent, and seems likely to go higher in the coming days. Until last week, the 20 per cent premium level had formed a "barrier" at which the rise of the free dollar had repeatedly been halted. Many observers believe that the Bank of Israel had been the force holding the 20 per cent line, but whether that is the case or not, this "line" has been irreparably breached.

Nor can there be any doubt that the sudden spurt in the price is the direct result of demand from all sectors of the public, and not due to any market-rigging by the dealers.

In fact, traders in foreign currency, both large and small, have nothing to gain from a disorderly market and much to lose. They are best served by a steady rise in prices and a situation where supply and demand are fairly well matched on a day-to-day basis.

The run on foreign currency is causing an imbalance, and dealers are very wary of being left holding large quantities of shekels which are depreciating ever more rapidly. Some dealers are being forced to stop selling dollars from time to time, to allow their shekel balances to come down to their desired level.

Judging by its behaviour, the public has lost all confidence in the policy and statements of the government in almost every sector of economic activity. Wild rumours continuously sweep the country, finding listeners willing to believe almost any tale.

Yesterday, people spoke of an impending rise in the rate of VAT to 25 or 30 per cent, and others said this might be accompanied by the abolition of income tax. The likelihood of a large devaluation is taken for granted by the rumour mills, with the only differences being as to its size.

The previously magical date of July 23, before which it was assumed no measures would be introduced, has now lost much of its significance. Street pundits, referring to the unfavourable opinion polls (from the Likud point of view), speak of dramatic government moves designed to bolster its flagging popularity.

Some of these experts adopt the line that the government must seek to court voters with favourable measures, while others say that being firm will be better political tactics at this stage. Naturally, in such an atmosphere, confusion is increasingly evident.

The Bank of Israel and other official sources say that there has been no change in devaluation policy.

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Likud activists yesterday distribute propaganda to members of Kibbutz Ga'ash. (Andre Bruman)

Likud and kibbutzim clash over campaigning

The Likud headquarters complained yesterday that its members were assaulted when seeking to distribute election material in two kibbutzim.

The United Kibbutz Movement, UKM, countered this by accusing the young Likud activists of trespassing and of arriving at the kibbutzim "with hostile intent."

A Likud campaign spokesman said that Likud youth activists set out yesterday morning to distribute campaign material in a number of kibbutzim. The Likud activists said there was nothing illegal about it, just as there was no prohibition on kibbutzniks conducting political propaganda in Tiberias.

"We didn't come here to provoke anyone, but just to campaign," said one of the daughters of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, who was among the Likud activists.

Amikam Osem, secretary of the kibbutz, asked the Likud people to leave, saying the kibbutz is private property. The Likudniks agreed to go only after some shouting, pushing and shoving. They later complained to Tiberias police that the kibbutzniks had roughed them up and smashed a camera.

The kibbutz filed a complaint of trespass.

The Likud activists, who arrived at Kibbutz Ga'ash were invited to lunch. They received a firm refusal to their request to distribute their material, but did get an offer to discuss the matter over a cold drink in the clubhouse.

The Likud team set up a small table near the dining room. They put up a notice, saying, "The national camp - yours and mine" and began distributing material.

Asked why they had come onto

Finance minister pressured by colleagues

Cohen-Orgad resists all 'dramatic steps'

By AVI TEMKIN and SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad, backed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, yesterday resisted heavy pressure from his ministerial colleagues to step up "election economics" as polling day approaches.

But the forum of Likud ministers decided yesterday to press ahead with the special legislation to protect citizens' savings. A special Knesset session will be sought on Monday to pass a first reading of this bill.

Treasury officials, however, were worried yesterday that Cohen-Orgad was indeed succumbing to pressure by not fulfilling the stringent restrictive policies which he set himself when he became finance minister last fall.

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon and MK Yoram Aridor (Cohen-Orgad's predecessor at the Treasury) have both recently called for dramatic steps to salvage the Likud campaign. Recent polls published in *The Jerusalem Post*, *Ha'aretz*, *Yedioth Achronot* and *Ma'ariv* all show the Likud trailing the Alignment by an increasing margin, and this has only served to increase the nervousness among ministers.

Likud leaders have said repeatedly over the past few days that Cohen-Orgad is to blame for the slump in their electoral fortunes. He is being termed "inflexible" and of being "more of a Yigael Hurvitz than Hurvitz himself ever was."

One Likud politician, previously close to the finance minister, said last night that the party regrets it does not still have Aridor as finance minister.

It is being said among Likud insiders that the only way Cohen-Orgad has survived has been because of the resolute backing of the prime minister.

Among the panic measures being advocated by some Likud ministers are a modified form of the dollarization plan, originally suggested by Aridor last autumn, or a plan to cut income tax drastically, even abolishing it, while increasing Value Added Tax.

Treasury officials were adamant yesterday that "third measures" would only harm the economy, and denied there is any prospect of abolishing income tax and increasing VAT.

Sources at the Bank of Israel also insisted that the central bank would play its part in ensuring that minimum harm is inflicted on the economy in the next few weeks until polling day.

Aides to Cohen-Orgad at the Treasury were clearly demoralized yesterday at the uproar surrounding economic policy. Some expressed the opinion that the Treasury has effectively stopped functioning.

Ministry officials were upset by the 2.6 per cent devaluation of Monday. They termed it "panic" and said only encouraged speculation and nervousness. They blame Eyal of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelblat for the devaluation, saying it was his idea and he got the minister's approval for it.

In an attempt to defuse some of the discontent in the party, Cohen-Orgad named Herut activist Dov Hertz, to serve as political adviser to the minister. Hertz's main function will be to serve as the link-man between Cohen-Orgad and the party.



Yigal Cohen-Orgad

Labour, Likud roll out their big guns

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The two major parties brought out their big guns last night on television, with former president Yitzhak Navon's impromptu style contrasting sharply with Prime Minister Shamir apparently reading from a teleprompter.

Navon came across warmly, using hand gestures and an emotional tone. Filmed in a studio, the former president explained why he returned to politics. He said events forced themselves upon him, preventing him from retiring to a life of writing. Shamir spoke in a living-room setting, listing the Likud's accomplishments.

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Progress in TV strike talks

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The strike of radio and TV journalists may end today after progress was reported yesterday in talks between the journalists and the board of directors of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Both sides made cautiously optimistic statements about the prospects of the negotiations over wage claims. In the meantime, however, all radio and TV programmes remained cancelled, except for campaign advertisements, educational TV and Army Radio.

IBA Director-General Uri Porat is to meet this morning with Treasury Director-General Nissim Baruch to try to find an answer to the journalists' claims.

Yesterday afternoon the IBA board and negotiators for the journalists met at length at IBA headquarters in the Jerusalem Club Building, hammering out arguments.

The shouting matches and accusations which for some weeks have characterized relations between the IBA and the employees were set aside at yesterday's session. "For the first time we actually talked to each other," said Rafik Halaby, chairman of the television journalists' work committee.

Halaby added that although the meeting was constructive, it did not change the "status quo." The blackouts on radio and TV, with the exception of election propaganda, will continue indefinitely, he said, if Porat and Baruch fail to reach an agreement.

Speaking in Ashdod last night, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar offered to help settle the dispute between the journalists and the IBA. He said that he was doing this because of the "suffering caused to the public by the strike."

Israel reportedly closes Tyre, Sidon

SIDON (Reuters). - Israeli troops yesterday closed the southern Lebanese ports of Sidon and Tyre to all shipping after forcing vessels at berth to leave, port officials said.

The Israelis, who gave no explanation for the move, also stopped fishing boats from leaving the two ports. Scores of families in Tyre and Sidon depend on fishing for their livelihoods.

There was no word on when the harbours would be allowed to reopen.

Israel Defence Forces last night could not confirm or deny the report, which they termed "unlikely."

Supreme Court to rule on barring of two election lists

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A specially enlarged bench of five Supreme Court justices will hear appeals this morning from two would-be Knesset lists against their disqualification by the Central Elections Committee.

The Progressive List for Peace filed its appeal yesterday and Kach the day before. The Supreme Court must rule on the two appeals by July 1.

Two leaders of the Progressives, Uri Avnery (a former MK) and Aluf (Res.) Matti Peled submitted personal affidavits yesterday in addition to the main text of their appeal. Both were active at various stages in the Sheli party.

They wrote in their appeal that the Central Elections Committee disqualified the list because it wanted to eliminate from the political system a list advocating a "courageous and open public and parliamentary debate over the rights of the Israeli Arabs and the relations of the state with the Palestine Arabs."

They wrote that "the rulers are trying to make their views prevail by portraying their opponents as traitors plotting to join the enemies of the state."

The Progressives' appeal rejected any comparisons to A1 and a Nas-

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Levy, Gur rap violence following arson

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and MK Mordechai Gur, heads of the Likud and Alignment campaigns respectively, yesterday issued a joint declaration against election violence after a Labour Party branch was torched.

The Labour Party branch in the Negev town of Mizpeh Ramon was set on fire late Monday night, local police said.

Police and residents put out the fire after it caused some \$500,000 in damages. A petrol can and matches were found at the scene.

"I was completely surprised," said Shmuel Cohen, head of the local council and an Alignment official. "We agreed with the Likud on a quiet and cultured campaign. I hope this is an isolated incident."

Yesterday workers started repairing the office, which is to resume activity soon.

Hijackers free 142 from Iran jet

DOHA, Qatar (AP). - A hijacked Iran Air Boeing 727 jetliner left Doha International Airport yesterday after releasing all 136 passengers along with six of the crew members, airport officials reported.

As the aircraft took off for an unknown destination, two hijackers and three crewmen were aboard, the officials said.

The released passengers and crew were waiting in the airport transit lounge for an aircraft to take them back to Iran, the officials added.

In Tehran, the official Iranian news agency said the hijackers were trying to proceed to France where they would seek political asylum.

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Haifa Port	39	13-27	27
Tiberias	42	19-33	33
Nazareth	53	17-28	28
Afula	47	16-30	31
Shomron	24	17-29	29
Tel Aviv	62	19-28	28
B-G Airport	53	18-29	29
Jericho	28	22-37	37
Gaza	66	20-26	27
Beerseba	33	19-32	32
Eilat	11	25-40	39

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Hebrew University Vice-President Simha Dinitz will be guest speaker at the Jerusalem Rotary Club ladies' dinner at 8 o'clock tonight at the Israel Museum.

Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulin was honored on Monday by the Hebrew University for his contribution to Jewish education in the Diaspora, at a dinner attended by the participants in the International Conference of the Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora and leaders of the Jewish Agency and WZO.

The Haifa Rotary Club will meet at the Shulamit Hotel at 8 o'clock tonight for the inauguration of its new president.

BARRED LISTS

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serist party whose list was disqualified in the 1965 elections on the grounds that it was undermining the existence of the state.

"All our members acknowledge the absolute right of the state of Israel to exist in its June 1967 borders and are united in their loyal attachment to the state," the Progressives wrote.

Both Avnery and Peled stressed their personal military experience in their affidavits. Avnery wrote: "I was a member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi. I served as a front-line soldier in the IDF. I was wounded in the War of Independence."

Peled wrote: "After long years in a security career, I find myself disqualified on security grounds by a group of people, of whom not one single one has a security background approaching mine."

The bench will be composed of Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, Relieving President Miriam Ben-Porat, and Justices Menahem Alon, Aharon Barak and Moshe Bleski.

The Central Elections Committee decision to disqualify was taken by majority vote and said that the Progressive list contains "elements with subversive tendencies and central figures who identify with the enemies of the state."

YOUTH. - More than 10,000 young persons from the U.S., Canada, France and England are expected to take part in programmes this summer in Israel sponsored by the Jewish Agency.

HADASSAH

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HOME NEWS

Freemasons reveal rites in Tel Aviv

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Freemasons yesterday for the first time revealed the age-old secret rites of the swearing-in ceremony of their Grand Master.

Hundreds of Freemasons and their relatives crowded into the Hilton Hotel ballroom where, to the strains of Beethoven and the singing of psalms, Eli Weiss, the incumbent Grand Master, was sworn in for another term.

The ceremonies of the Freemasons, kept secret throughout the world until yesterday, have not changed since medieval times.

Weiss said the fraternity decided to reveal its secret ceremony to show the public that its rites are harmless.

The Freemasons began in the Middle Ages as an association of craftsmen. It admits adherents of all faiths, claiming to be based upon the fundamentals of religion held in common by all men and promotes, through allegories and symbols connected with the art of building, a lofty morality with particular stress on benevolence.

Women are not allowed into the fraternity to prevent them from distracting the men from their good deeds.

The ceremony began with the singing of the Freemasons' anthem and a psalm. The brothers were dressed in dark blue suits and wore heavy gold chains bearing medals and symbols. They also wore gold-trimmed aprons in colours varying with rank, symbolizing the Freemason's dedication to work.

Three Freemasons carried silver spears to a central dais where Weiss was sworn in to the accompaniment of Beethoven music, which they said he composed especially for the brotherhood. They all sang hallelujah and a brother sang a psalm. Weiss promised to keep the principles of the Freemasons - to be good, honest and moral, to seek peace, maintain the law, abhor flatterers, not bear grudges and preserve the ten commandments, to name a few.

Famous Freemasons include Goethe, George Washington, John Locke, Voltaire, and Denis Diderot.

The Freemasons' secret rites aroused the wrath of anti-Semites and fascists in Italy and Germany, who saw Jews and Freemasons as enemies of humanity. They were also banned in Spain by the Falange, in Rumania and in all the countries conquered by the Nazis. Freemasonry today is banned in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Aguda in U.S. won't sign pledge on gays

NEW YORK (JTA). - Agudat Yisrael of America plans to join other religious groups in challenging the legality of Mayor Edward Koch's executive order requiring private agencies doing business with New York City to sign a statement pledging they will not discriminate against homosexual job applicants, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president, said today.

Koch's order became a major issue when Archbishop John O'Connor, head of the Archdiocese of New York, said he would not abide by the mayor's order even if it means the loss of several million dollars in city grants.

Sherer said that it would be inimical to the very nature of Orthodox Jews to hire "avowed homosexuals - persons who by definition openly flaunt their contempt for Torah."

BLACK MARKET

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Any unusually large daily devaluations, such as the 2.6 per cent move on Monday, are ascribed to the need to adjust to the higher-than-expected level of inflation for May and June.

The commercial banks are also pretending to be uninformed, since their role in selling foreign currency to the public is now strictly limited.

"Last September and October (when there was a run on the shekel) culminating in the collapse of the bank shares and the 25 per cent devaluation then decided upon)



The Alignment's candidate for prime minister, Shimon Peres, has his picture taken with potential voters in Netanya yesterday during a campaign swing.

BIG GUNS

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plishments and attacking the Labour Party for trying to "darken all that is good by picking on only one economic issue - inflation." Later in the Likud broadcast, the point was made that inflation is not all of economics.

But it was the entertainers - Shaikhe of the Gashash Hahiver comedy trio for the Alignment and comedian Sefi Rivlin for the Likud - who stole the show.

Shaikhe's sketch, written by Yossi Banai, consisted entirely of the comedian scanning newspapers and alternating between hysterical laughter and weeping. At the end, wiping tears from his eyes, he said: "and they still want me to vote Likud."

Rivlin, who has been the TV face of the Likud since the 1977 elections, hit back hard at the previous evening's appearance by the Gashash. On the first night of the broadcasts, one of the Gashash trio said, "I used to be Likud. But I made a mistake." Later, another of the Gashash said: "I'm a Betar fan. But football isn't government."

Rivlin's response was simple. Hinting that the Gashash were not appearing for ideological motives, he said that he has "been for the Likud and will be. No mistake about it." Then he showed clips of two of the most famed Betar Jerusalem footballers, Uri Malmillian and Eli Ohana, who explained that "to belong to Betar means belonging to the Likud family."

Rivlin then cited remarks by Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin and Abba Eban, which he said showed that the three Labour Party leaders suggest "bringing back the cannons to threaten Patah Tikva."

"Let me ask you a question, Mr. Shimon Peres," said Rivlin. "Do you want the people of Patah Tikva to start preparing their shelters?" Then, imitating Peres' voice, Rivlin answered for the Labour Party leader: "Yes. No. Yes. No. Yes. No. Yes."

With each "yes" and "no," a photograph of Peres grinning appeared from a different angle on the screen.

But while the vituperation, exaggeration, and explanation appeared on TV, streets were packed with thousands who cared little for the political shenanigans.

The ordinarily quiet streets of downtown Jerusalem were teeming last night with movie-goers and cafe-goers who said that the television strike had driven them out of their homes.

Outside a movie theatre, a couple was asked how they would vote. The husband said he had already made up his mind to vote Likud again, but his wife hesitated to answer. "I don't want him to hear," she said pointing to her husband buying tickets to a movie. "If he finds out I'm not going to vote Likud, he'll kill me."

Like many others, the couple didn't seem to notice that they were missing the election broadcasts. One cafe owner said that the broadcasts "should be on at 4 p.m., when the children's broadcasts are on. They aren't suitable for adults."

Israelis living in U.S. petition court for vote

An Israeli couple living in the U.S. who will be in Israel on election day, have asked the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem to order the interior minister to permit them to vote.

Ariel and Gavriella Baron said in their petition that they spend some time every year in the U.S. When they gave their address to the Israeli Consulate in Miami, they said their identity cards were taken. They said they were subsequently told by the Interior Ministry that without them they cannot vote.

Justice Eliezer Goldberg ordered a hearing before a three-judge panel, and invited a representative of the attorney-general to attend.

Rallies to be permitted in streets and malls

The Election Law permits holding campaign rallies in streets, pedestrian malls, and city squares and parks, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has said in a memo to legal advisers of local authorities, the Justice Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

Zamir ruled that while the law forbids campaign activities on land

held by local authorities, places specifically intended for public use do not fall under the purview of the law. The attorney-general was responding to a question from the police.

Decision today on Flatto-Sharon appeal

The Supreme Court today will announce its decision on the appeal by former MK Samuel Flatto-Sharon against a nine-month prison sentence for bribing voters in the 1977 election campaign.

Flatto-Sharon was convicted in the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court in 1981, and his first appeal against the sentence was rejected last year by the Jerusalem District Court.

Unrwa men leave Beirut after threat

BEIRUT (AP). - Two staffers of the UN Relief and Works Agency - one British, the other Irish - have left Lebanon after a letter was found threatening their lives.

In revealing the incident yesterday, the agency warned that further problems could force it to close its Beirut operations.

Both men left Lebanon on June 19, a day after the letter was found, an Unrwa official said.

PWD: Alignment, Yahad defacing countryside

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Public Works Department has lodged official complaints against a number of kibbutzim, the Alignment and Ezer Weizman's Yahad list for wholesale defacing of the countryside with illegally posted election propaganda.

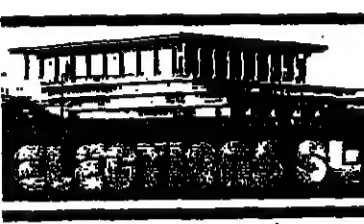
In the 1981 elections some kibbutzim were reprimanded for similar actions. Transport Ministry regulations make it illegal to put up advertisements on the roadside.

Kibbutzim have found a loophole in the regulation by putting up their Alignment propaganda on wheeled platforms. They say that there is no law against having propaganda on vehicles.

The PWD spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that they had turned to Central Elections Committee chairman Gabriel Bach to find a way to close this loophole.

The spokesman said the public should report illegal campaign postings by calling 02-277413 and 02-277416.

Acre police yesterday opened files against Tchiya-Tzomet and the Alignment for allegedly defacing the countryside. Tchiya-Tzomet allegedly put up posters on roadsides at the entrance to Acre and the Alignment allegedly set up trailers with advertisements by the side of the road near Kfar Masaryk.



Tami says Likud is losing its head

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT GAT. - Prime Minister Shamir's statement on Sunday about the "conspiracy" between Tami and the Alignment to bring forward the elections shocked and infuriated Tami leaders, who said Monday that the Likud must be "losing its head."

Speaking in Eilat, Shamir reportedly said that Tami was in conspiracy with the Alignment (presumably to advance the elections) and had disrupted efforts to curb inflation.

"The Likud obviously has a problem concerning Tami. Shamir's statement is groundless and the opposite of the truth," Tami leader Aharon Abutatzira told *The Jerusalem Post* on an election tour here.

"We are shocked by Shamir's attack on a small, social movement like Tami," the third man on the party's list, Ashkelon Mayor Eli Dayan, said. "The Likud must be losing its head to react like that."

At the Negev settlement of Moshav Noam on Monday, Abutatzira lashed out at what he called the National Religious Party's "effrontery," the party spokesman reported.

After accusing NRP Knesset Members of "doing nothing" in the last Knesset term "except sticking knives in each other's backs," Abutatzira said that the NRP "now has the effrontery to ask the religious public for votes."

Military council meets amid Beirut battle

BEIRUT (AP). - Lebanon's new military council held a second meeting yesterday on a security plan to restore peace to Beirut as fighting continued in the capital.

Militias exchanged sporadic machinegun fire and grenades through the day along the mid-city green line that divides Beirut into Christian and Moslem halves. The green line fighting followed overnight gunbattles in the hills east of the capital and in the suburbs south of the city.

Police said four people were killed and 16 wounded in the overnight

PLO leader says rival factions reach accord

ADEN (Reuters). - A Palestinian leader claimed yesterday that rival PLO factions meeting in South Yemen agreed Monday on political and structural issues which have plagued the organization for more than a year.

A statement issued in Aden by Khalil al-Wazir, the deputy commander of Palestinian forces and the

Black Muslim says Israel's backers 'criminal'

CHICAGO (AP). - The U.S. and the nations that helped found and support Israel are "part of a criminal conspiracy," Louis Farrakhan, a backer of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, said on Sunday.

In his first speech at his Nation of Islam headquarters, since returning from a tour of Arab nations and a meeting with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, Farrakhan said, "If you aid and abet a criminal conspiracy, you are part of a criminal conspiracy," he said. "So, America, England and the nations are criminals in the sight of the Almighty God."

Israel repaves road

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. - The repaving of the nearly six-kilometre road from Metulla to Marjayoun was completed yesterday by Israeli workers. Other roads in the eastern sector in Lebanon are due to be paved or repaired.

Rabin, Shultz discuss Jordan, peace process

WASHINGTON. - During a meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz late Monday, Labour MK Yitzhak Rabin outlined proposals to bring Jordan into the peace process in 1985.

Rabin, who had requested the session, was clearly hopeful that Jordan's King Hussein might yet agree to enter into direct peace talks with Israel. The one-hour meeting focused on steps the U.S. and Israel might consider in 1984 to facilitate Hussein's entry into the peace process after the U.S. elections in November.

The two deliberately avoided discussion of domestic U.S. or Israeli politics.

Ambassador Meir Rosenne joined Rabin in the session. Accompanying Shultz were Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Michael Armacost and Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy.

Also in Washington for the second Jonathan Institute Conference on Terrorism, Defence Minister Moshe Arens was due to speak at the conference late last night. In remarks released for publication before hand, Arens said PLO terrorists have killed more than 600 Israelis and have injured another 4,000 since the organization was established in 1964.

Arens said that more than 75 per cent of the Israeli casualties were civilians.

The Arens remarks were devoted almost entirely to the PLO. He cited the destruction of the PLO infrastructure in South Lebanon, noting

the enormous quantities of captured military equipment. Large amounts of ammunition are still being discovered in underground tunnels by various factions in Lebanon, he added.

Rabin told Shultz that the major reason why Hussein had not yet joined the peace process had little to do with West Bank settlement or other Israeli government policies - but rather with the king's fear of an angry Arab reaction.

Still, Rabin said, Hussein's recent decision to revive the Jordanian Parliament with the participation of West Bankers was an important signal to the Arab world of his hope to get involved in negotiations with Israel.

The former prime minister, who is slated to be defense minister if Labour forms the next government, also welcomed Iraq's apparently increasing dependence on Jordan in the war effort against Iran.

The Iraqi need for Jordanian cooperation in the construction of a new oil pipeline to the port of Akaba is significant, Rabin said, because it makes Jordan less likely to cave in to rejectionist Iraqi pressures if Jordan should decide to enter into peace talks with Israel.

Rabin, who left Washington yesterday to return to Israel, came to Washington to participate in the conference on terrorism, which wound up three days of meetings last night.

Arens, who arrived in New York Monday, was invited to meet with Shultz before speaking at the conference.

Cranston says Iraq shopping for another nuclear reactor

WASHINGTON (AP). - Iraq is shopping for a new nuclear reactor and is fortifying the atomic plant site bombed by Israel in 1981, Sen. Alan Cranston told a conference on terrorism Monday.

Cranston, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee and assistant Senate Democratic leader, said he also had information that "unwitting" American firms have provided Iraq with several of the components for the chemical weapons used against Iran in the 45-month war between the two Gulf countries.

In a race with Iran to develop nuclear weapons, Cranston said that Iraq tried to buy from France on credit a reactor to replace the one destroyed by Israel in 1981, until negotiations broke down during the war.

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Cranston said the Iraqis have surrounded the shell of the destroyed reactor with "an ominous array of anti-aircraft systems and balloons to frustrate low-flying aircraft."

"Clearly, they hope to reinvigorate a sophisticated nuclear development effort," Cranston said.

Iran for its part is reviving the nuclear programme initially promoted by the shah and abandoned in 1979 by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini as relying too much on the technology of the "satanic" West, Cranston said.

Military council meets amid Beirut battle

BEIRUT (AP). - Lebanon's new military council held a second meeting yesterday on a security plan to restore peace to Beirut as fighting continued in the capital.

Militias exchanged sporadic machinegun fire and grenades through the day along the mid-city green line that divides Beirut into Christian and Moslem halves. The green line fighting followed overnight gunbattles in the hills east of the capital and in the suburbs south of the city.

Police said four people were killed and 16 wounded in the overnight

gunbattles, which tapered to intermittent clashes yesterday. There was no report of casualties from daytime battles.

The security plan being discussed by the six-man council, which includes one senior officer from each of Lebanon's major religious sects, calls for the deployment of select army troops to eliminate the green line, reunite the capital and end the reign of militias.

There was no official comment on the progress of the military council, but army sources said the atmosphere was "very positive."

PLO leader says rival factions reach accord

ADEN (Reuters). - A Palestinian leader claimed yesterday that rival PLO factions meeting in South Yemen agreed Monday on political and structural issues which have plagued the organization for more than a year.

A statement issued in Aden by Khalil al-Wazir, the deputy commander of Palestinian forces and the

chief representative of Yasser Arafat's Fatah group at the reconciliation talks which began on Sunday, did not say which issues were settled.

But Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, said the four other factions taking part refused to fix a date for convening the Palestine National Council (PNC), the PLO's highest decision-making body.

Black Muslim says Israel's backers 'criminal'

CHICAGO (AP). - The U.S. and the nations that helped found and support Israel are "part of a criminal conspiracy," Louis Farrakhan, a backer of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, said on Sunday.

In his first speech at his Nation of Islam headquarters, since returning from a tour of Arab nations and a meeting with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, Farrakhan said, "If you aid and abet a criminal conspiracy, you are part of a criminal conspiracy," he said. "So, America, England and the nations are criminals in the sight of the Almighty God."

He said Israel has never enjoyed peace, "and she will never have any peace because there can be no peace structured on injustice, lying and deceit and using the name of God to shield your gutter religion under His holy and righteous name."

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

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On the first Yahrzeit of the passing of our unforgettable, beloved husband, brother and brother-in-law

HERMAN SALAMONOVITZ

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a memorial service will be held tomorrow, Thursday, June 28, 1984, at 5:00 p.m., at Har Hemenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

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paraphrases, which tapered to a minimum yesterday. There is a report of casualties from both sides.

The security plan being drawn by the Syrian command, which divides one senior officer from Lebanon's major religious sects for the deployment of Syrian troops to eliminate the problem, requires the capital and the region of militiamen.

There was no official comment on the progress of the military operation, but army sources said the situation was "very positive."

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HOME NEWS



Handcuffed and shackled, Temple Mount suspect Shimon Barak is escorted from court yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

Temple Mount suspect has remand extended

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday extended by 15 days the remand of Shimon Barak, suspected of attempting to damage the Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount.

Barak's counsel objected to the description of his client as "a dangerous criminal," saying that his previous offences had been minor. He also said that Barak had been beaten twice by police, and complained about what he termed "the different law for those with knitted skullcaps and those with black skullcaps."

This is a reference to the Jewish underground suspects, who wear knitted skullcaps and whose treatment by the police has allegedly been permissive.

The police representative told the court that Barak, who was arrested earlier this week, is suspected of

2 airlines having problems in filling planes to Israel

by JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV - Transamerica has cancelled today's flight here and Capital Air is likely to face a \$20,000 fine unless it gives a satisfactory explanation for reductions it gave for flights from Belgium here, well informed sources told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Both companies are reportedly finding it difficult to fill their planes to and from Israel. Transamerica's response apparently was cancellation. Capital Air apparently offered discounts to stimulate business, observers said.

Transamerica held its inaugural flight here last week, but its Boeing 747, carrying only some 270 passengers. An official here confirmed sales were low, as El Al and other veteran carriers offered the same prices.

Transamerica said that it cancelled today's flight - its second - for "technical reasons" and that the passengers were transferred to El Al and Tower Air.



Presidents Conference head steps down

By GREER FAY CASIMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
There is an overwhelming difference between the present attitude of the U.S. government to Israel and that which prevailed in June 1982, Julius Berman, outgoing chairman

of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said yesterday.

Berman was speaking at a reception to mark the end of his term of office, hosted by Prime Minister Shamir in the Prime Minister's Office.

Arguing that at the time he took office two years ago the world and the U.S. in particular were not well disposed towards Israel, Berman described the feelings of the U.S. government toward Israel today as "extremely positive."

Berman's successor, Kenneth Bialkin, was also at the reception. Both Berman and Bialkin are members of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, and are here for the Jewish Agency Assembly.

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On Thursday, June 28, 1984, at 5.30 p.m. there will be an evening of entertainment at the Grand Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv. Income from this event will be donated to the fund for strengthening Israel's defence - "LIBI." This evening is made possible by the Grand Beach Hotel, the singer Koochava Harari and the Arab Trio and their orchestra. ALL TOURISTS ARE INVITED!

Caesarea—'a 21st-century port built 2,000 years ago'

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
CAESAREA. - Underwater archaeologists have discovered that the ancient harbour here is at least 2,000 years older than was previously thought, reporters were told yesterday.

Recent finds have confirmed the existence of a port which predates the one built by Herod the Great between 21 and 9 BCE.

The older harbour is believed to have been part of Straton's Tower - the small Hellenistic settlement that preceded Caesarea. Pottery found on land and in the sea indicate that this small harbour dates back to the early 2nd century BCE.

Experts think the presence of the

old harbour was one of the reasons Herod chose the site for his grand city and port project, which was named after the Roman emperor Augustus Caesar.

Another central reason for building the port may have been political, according to Prof. Robert Hohlfelder of Colorado University, one of the associate directors of the Caesarea ancient Harbour excavations Project.

"Herod wanted to build a harbour which was not in Roman territory, and Caesarea marked the northernmost border of his realm. In addition, the area was mainly occupied by gentiles, and he wanted to do something for them on the same scale as he had done for the Jews in Jerusalem," he said.

Hohlfelder maintained that the technical difficulties posed by the harbour development - believed to be the first man-made open seaport in the world - would have suited Herod's mania for grand construction. Herod originally intended that Caesarea would replace the Roman port of Alexandria as gateway to the Mediterranean.

He emphasized that the weather along the coast would have made it impossible to work on the project year round, but the harbour itself was still completed in just 10 years.

The massive port, with two enormous breakwaters running out into the open sea, could accommodate up to 300 ships.

Archeologists still marvel at the sophisticated level of engineering, which prevented the port from being blocked by silt by building a series of cross-channels that let in a sand-free flow of water.

In addition, the 70-metre-wide southern breakwater was used as a quay for loading and unloading, and even had warehouses on top. This was made possible by an outer wall which broke the force of the waves.

Project director Dr. Avner Raban of Haifa University's Centre for Maritime Studies said the Herodian port is an example of a 21st century harbour - built 2,000 years ago. "If modern harbours like Ashdod and Haifa had employed such systems of design and engineering, they would not have the problems they face today," he said.

This season the staff of 15 archeologists and 120 volunteers from Israel and abroad were joined by a team of underwater architects. The architects, using new techniques of measuring and drawing underwater, were able to create diagrams and sketches of the major features of the harbour from all period of its use.

Raban said the harbour was submerged around the third or fourth century as a result of a land slide.

CAHEP is administered by the Centre for Maritime Studies with the cooperation of the University of Victoria in British Columbia, the University of Colorado in Boulder and the University of Maryland.

Bid to end Foreign Ministry strike

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Foreign Ministry staff committee has asked the Civil Service Commission to name an arbitrator to settle the three-week-old wage dispute that has shut diplomatic services at home and abroad. The commission has not yet responded to the request.

Diplomatic missions abroad have been at a standstill for three weeks. Ambassadors are seeing only ministry officials and ministry officials are refusing even to answer emergency requests by Israelis and foreign nationals for visas, passports and

other travel documents. Israeli businessmen abroad have been unable to get assistance from economic attaches.

The ministry workers are seeking a new wage package that would put them on a par with employees of the intelligence services. A senior ministry staffer now in Israel, with five years' experience as a consul-general, last month earned IS140,000 before taxes. A new ministry worker last month earned barely IS50,000. Pensioners, such as former ambassadors, can expect to take home a monthly maximum of IS60,000.

Postal workers end all sanctions

Jerusalem Post Staff
Postal workers yesterday ended their work action and began processing mail and receiving the public according to the normal work schedule, the Communications Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The spokesman said the ministry had met some of the workers' demands, without giving specifics. The heads of the works committees and representatives of the Civil Servants Union decided to end the work action after a meeting with ministry director-general Zvi Tzicker, the spokesman announced.

Workers will make arrangements to insure speedy delivery of election-related material and of month-end National Insurance payments, and will make up for other delays caused by the work action, the spokesman added.

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Herzliya man charged with indecent acts

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A Herzliya resident was charged yesterday in Tel Aviv District Court with performing indecent acts on minors.

According to the charge sheet, the 49-year-old man began molesting a 10-year-old boy, threatening him at knife-point, but a neighbour then scared the man off.

In another incident, the man

allegedly grabbed the hand of an 11-year-old girl, but ran off when a neighbour called out. Both incidents took place this month, the charge sheet says.

The defendant is under psychiatric observation. Discussion of a prosecution request to remand him until the end of proceedings against him was postponed.

South Lebanese man injured in car bombing

METULLA (Itim). - A large explosive charge blew up yesterday in the car of a resident of the village of Sakakiya in southern Lebanon. The driver was seriously injured and was taken to a Sidon hospital.

Israeli Defence Forces and Southern Lebanon Army troops who arrived at the scene established that the bombing was criminal and was not connected to terrorism.

board's plenary tomorrow.

The proposed increase includes \$2.75m. to hire 165 junior faculty members for the Computer Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, Industrial Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Faculties which the Technion believes must be enlarged to meet the country's needs. The rest of the increase is for laboratory equipment.

Woman burns to death in her apartment

RAMLE (Itim). - The body of an 85-year-old woman was found here in her burnt-out apartment yesterday. Police were called to the scene after a fire broke out in the apartment, and found it locked and bolted. Police said that a preliminary investigation indicated that the woman had been overcome by smoke from the fire while she was preparing her lunch.

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LIKUD/KIBBUTZIM

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distributing small red roses and a two-page stencilled sheet.

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Tel Aviv man charged with murdering woman

TEL AVIV (Itim). - David Omer, 34, of Tel Aviv, was charged in district court here yesterday with murdering Sophie Perez, 60, when he and another man robbed her apartment on October 14, 1980.

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"We've come, knocked on the door and asked whether we may enter," he said. "You don't enter first and then knock," suggested a kibbutz member, who invited the Likud group to lunch.

"You'll be honoured guests," he promised. But the visitors turned it down, as well as an offer to discuss the matter in the clubhouse.

the woman's mouth with a rag, tying her with nylon cord and piling mattresses on her while he and the other man ransacked the apartment.

Her body was found the next day. Omer has been remanded until the end of the trial.

"Not today," said the kibbutz member. He suggested they come on Friday night to a kibbutz meeting. "We'll give you a microphone. If you bring slides we'll give you a projector," he promised.

He explained he was happy with the Likud intrusion. "It awakens the political consciousness among the apathetic kibbutz members," he said. "Some members thought we put on this show," he added.

One-lane traffic on Geha Road tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Traffic on the Geha Road which skirts Tel Aviv will be restricted to one lane in both directions on the bridge near the Hiriya city dump from 7 p.m. tomorrow until noon Friday. The bridge is under repair.

The spokesman for the Public Works Department also said yesterday that work has started on widening several of the roads where numerous fatal accidents had occurred over the past year, such as the Ashdod-Ashkelon and the Acre-Nahariya highways.

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He also reported that several bridges have been damaged or had collapsed because of the carelessness of truck drivers who ignored the signs restricting cargo height.

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Ashkelon summer camp to integrate Ethiopians

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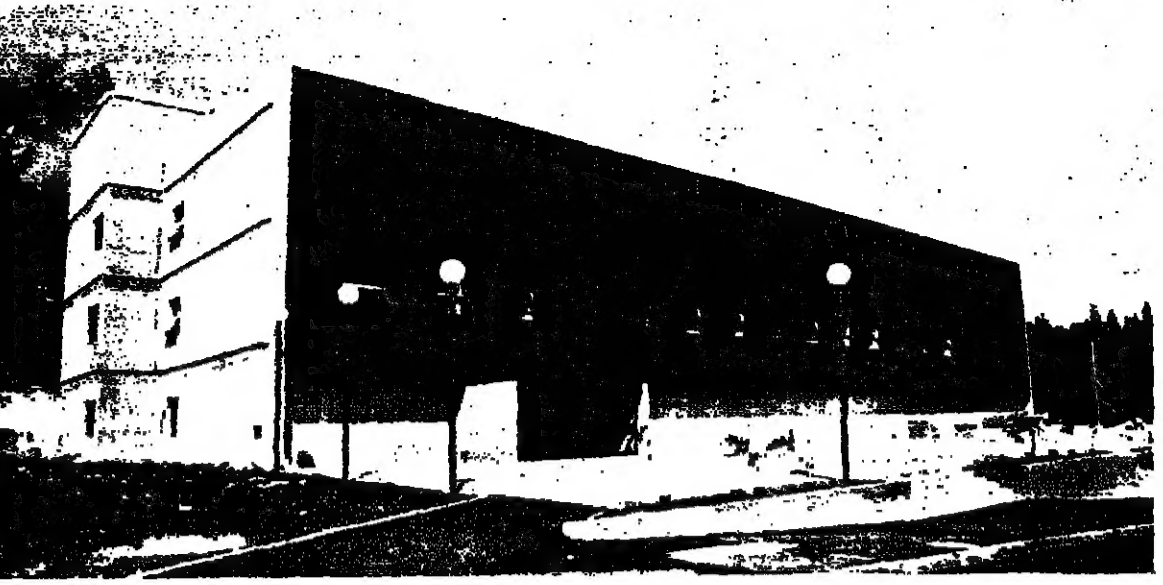
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The Technion's Canada Nuclear Engineering Institute building.

Technion defies government on budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter
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Firemen say they're shorthanded

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
TIBERIAS. - Israel lacks 120 professional fire-fighters, it was charged at an emergency meeting of the country's fire department commanders at the Zemar local council in the Jordan Valley yesterday.

Rami Kehalon, head of the fire-fighting division at the Interior Ministry, said the shortage is dangerous and intolerable. In several big fires recently - such as at the Hotel Moriah on the Dead Sea and at a Herzliya insecticide plant - firemen had to be brought from a great distance, he said.

He added that firefighters of both sexes are needed.

The participants in the meeting discussed a proposal to shift responsibility for fire-fighting from the local authorities to the government.

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WORLD NEWS

Discovery's debut delayed again

Engine trouble stops shuttle takeoff

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP). — The debut of space shuttle Discovery was again delayed yesterday, this time just seconds before liftoff when one of the three main engines failed to fire.

The other two engines of the new ship flashed to life but were automatically shut down, four seconds before scheduled launch, when a computer detected something amiss.

Discovery's six-person crew was safe and there was no damage to the spaceship, NASA said.

The shuttle engines fire eight seconds before liftoff, enabling the ship to build up full thrust before

steel pins are blown to release the shuttle.

On Monday, a computer malfunction forced a cancellation just five minutes before launch. The computer was replaced.

"We've heard no word at this point what the reason for the engine cutoff was," said Mark Hess, spokesman for Launch Control.

With engine shutdown, there was no chance for a launch later in the day, and NASA had said any delay, for any reason, would prompt at least a two-day postponement.

Since engines did fire, there would be launch-pad damage and there would be at least 48 hours' work

before another launch could be attempted.

The space agency's only concern before the shutdown was with the fog that obscured Discovery's launch pad at Kennedy Space Center.

Discovery, third in NASA's space shuttle fleet, has already been plagued with engine trouble, when engine No. 2 had to be replaced with an engine from sister ship Challenger. That caused a three-day delay in the original June 22 launch date.

The engines were the source of tremendous technological problems during the shuttle's development, but they never failed in any of the shuttle program's first 11 flights.

EC official says quarrel settled with Britain

FONTAINEBLEAU, France (AP). — European Economic Community leaders yesterday resolved a critical dispute on Britain's contribution to the EEC budget, ending a quarrel that has virtually paralyzed the 10-nation trading group for months, a Dutch official said.

Bart Bruyn Ouboter, a spokesman for the Dutch delegation, told reporters that leaders of the 10 nations had agreed on a new system for determining Britain's share of financing the group's programmes.

No formal announcement had been made, however, and the 10

leaders apparently were continuing their discussions behind closed doors. Press briefings had been delayed almost three hours.

Ouboter said that under terms of the agreement, Britain would receive a rebate on its 1984 contribution to the EEC budget of 1 billion European Currency Units (about \$800 million).

In subsequent years, Britain's rebate would amount to two-thirds of the difference between what it pays into the EEC coffers and what it gets back in farm subsidies and other direct benefits, Ouboter said.

The EEC budget this year is \$24 billion, and Britain's net contribution is \$1.6 billion.

At the last EEC summit conference in Brussels, Britain refused to accept a 1984 rebate of less than 1.25 billion ECUs (about \$1 million). The disagreement caused the collapse of that conference, following a similar failure last December in Athens.

Britain and West Germany are the only EEC member nations which pay more into the budget than they get back.

Mondale and Hart make up

NEW YORK (AP). — Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination, held a peace-making meeting yesterday morning and declared that they would work jointly to defeat Republican President Reagan in the fall election.

"The things that divide us are modest compared to the things that divide us from President Reagan," Mondale said after the two-hour meeting.

Hart said he would continue his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination, but the tone of both men's remarks in a joint news conference was conciliatory and friendly.

Both Mondale and Hart said there was no discussion about the possibility of Hart serving as Mondale's

vice-presidential running mate.

Instead, Mondale said they discussed how to best defeat Reagan's re-election effort, and how to turn out enough voters in the fall election to accomplish that goal.

Asked whether he would continue to run seriously for the nomination, Hart replied: "I am continuing my own candidacy to give the party a positive alternative. That is not a detriment to Mr. Mondale's candidacy."

Aides said the two discussed compromises under which Hart dropped potential challenges to Mondale delegates at the Democratic convention in San Francisco in July and Mondale accepted proposed changes in the Democratic Party's rules for selecting the 1988 presidential nominee.

Amnesty: 1,699 executed last year

LONDON (AP). — At least 1,699 people were executed in 39 countries in 1983, and the true figure "could be far higher" because of secret executions, Amnesty International said yesterday.

Amnesty cited China, Iran and Iraq as having the highest number of known executions last year, accounting for 1,399 of the total — or 82 per cent.

The Nobel Prize-winning human-rights group also renewed its appeal for an end to the death penalty. A spokesman said that Amnesty is "particularly concerned" about the

increasing number of executions in the U.S. in recent years.

Spokesman Mark Grantham said at least 1,160 people were sentenced to death in 63 countries during 1983. In the U.S., where many death sentences from earlier years have not been carried out, about 1,300 people were under sentence of death last year, he said.

"The death penalty has come back into use, and we're quite alarmed at the number of people facing death in U.S. prisons," Grantham said in a telephone interview as Amnesty's report on worldwide executions was released.

Kuwait seeks arms from Soviet Union

KUWAIT. — Kuwait is turning to the Soviet Union for sophisticated weaponry after the U.S. hesitated to sell it a quantity of shoulder-fired anti-aircraft Stinger missiles, it was reported here yesterday.

Defence Minister Sheikh Salem al-Sabah said Monday night he will visit Moscow July 9 to conclude an arms deal.

"The Moscow visit is part of Kuwait's policy of establishing an even-handed relationship with the world's two superpowers," he told

reporters.

He said that the country's defence policy "is based on balancing ties with key powers and obtaining arms from any source that does not impose conditions."

Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah, meanwhile urged Iran to respond to international efforts to negotiate an end to the Gulf war, which he said is sapping resources that should be used to free Palestine and Jerusalem. (AP, Reuters)

Compromise may end West German strike

LUDWIGSBURG, West Germany (AP). — Chief mediator Georg Leber said yesterday he has suggested a 38.5-hour work week starting next April 1 as a compromise to end the seven-week conflict in the West German metal industry.

Outlining his proposal after an all-night bargaining session, Leber told reporters he had recommended that a new contract reducing the 40-hour work week run at least until October 1, 1986.

Spokesman for the union and employer negotiators reacted with cau-

tious optimism to Leber's plan.

"IG Metall cannot pass over the offer," union spokesman Edgar Schmidt said.

Employers' spokesman Guenter Lins said management negotiators "lean toward 'yes' more than toward 'no'."

The proposal would need the unanimous approval of the mediation panel before it could be considered a breakthrough. The eight-member panel was scheduled to resume talks yesterday evenings.

More arrests as UK miners block pits

LONDON (AP). — Police yesterday arrested more than 50 striking miners as mass pickets up to 1,000 strong targeted two key mines in Scotland and northern England and blockaded the Yorkshire headquarters of the state-run National Coal Board, police said.

Earlier, police reinforcements rushed to the building to lift an hour-long blockade by pickets. Rocks crashed through 13 windows and 17 people were arrested, police said, but no serious injuries were reported.

In a setback for the left-wing National Union of Mineworkers' attempt to bring south Wales' Llanwern steel complex to a halt in the 16th week of the strike to protest pit closures, one trainload of iron ore rolled past pickets into the giant complex. Railmen refused to drive two others.

At Shirebrook colliery in the north county of Derbyshire, police said some 1,000 strikers stoned a bus carrying workings miners and hurled rocks at police lines. Two policemen were injured and seven miners arrested, but the bus got through, police said.

Sikh pilgrims weep at reopening of Golden Temple

AMRITSAR, India (AP). — Ten thousand Sikh pilgrims streamed to the reopened Golden Temple on Monday, many of them weeping over the army assault on their shrine and incensed by the damage to their religion's holiest shrine.

Some collected charred scraps of holy Sikh manuscripts, kissed them and kept them as relics, said Sikh pilgrims who toured the battered and bullet-riddled complex.

Others could be heard muttering oaths of revenge, but not making such threats openly due to the presence of troops.

The Golden Temple was opened Monday for the first time since the army assault June 5 and 6 which reportedly left more than 1,000 dead. The government says 492 Sikhs and 84 soldiers died.

The temple will be opened for pilgrims daily from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., but reporters and photographers are barred.

Troops stood guard around the temple complex and at least 200 soldiers were painting and repairing bullet holes and mortar gashes left by the two-day firefight between the army and Sikh militants.

Sports

Sun and shadow

By HYAM CORNEY
Post Sports Reporter

LONDON. — The sharply contrasting fortunes of Israel's two representatives in the Wimbledon men's singles on the opening day were vividly reflected in their respective moods twenty-four hours later. Sahar Perkis only playing as a "lucky loser" after Rod Frawley scratched, beat Marcel Freeman 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

For Shlomo Glickstein, shock loser in five sets to the Swede Stefan Simonsson, there was nothing else to look forward to at Wimbledon this year, and he was preparing for his return to Israel on Thursday to start preparations for the next round of the Davis Cup.

For Shahar Perkis, however, the opening day of the championship was a day to remember for the rest of his life.

It was his debut in the senior championship — he played in the Wimbledon junior event for years ago — but he didn't have time to feel nervous. He was playing Marcel Freeman, an American, whom he had never even heard of before. Freeman is ranked 145 in the world, well above Perkis's ranking of 145.

Perkis was not at his best in the opening set, but he was fortunate in that Freeman also made a bad start. Perkis took it 6-4, and was leading 4-2 in the second set before Freeman recovered to win the next four games and the set.

The young Israeli hit back in the third to take it comfortably 6-1. He raced to a 4-1 lead in the fourth, before Freeman fought back to 4-4. Perkis hung on to win 7-5.

Lightning

WIMBLEDON (AP). — Top seeds Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd struck like lightning yesterday as women took to the centre courts of the All England Lawn Tennis Championships.

Navratilova, the defending champion, took just 41 minutes to dispatch Peanut Louie, the 23-year-old right-hander from San Francisco, 6-4, 6-0.

Lloyd, a three-time Wimbledon singles winner, lost just two games as she thrashed Sabrina Goleis, a Yugoslavia Federation Cup player, 6-1, 6-1 in 54 minutes.

Other women seeds advanced in straight sets. No. 5 Zina Garrison ousted Rita El-Yazbi 6-0, 6-4. Wendy Turnbull, the sixth seed, ousted another Briton, Shelley Wolke, 6-3, 6-3. Sixth seed Kathy Jordan defeated Heather Ludloff of Foster City, California, 6-1, 6-1. And 14th seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia beat Rachela Reggi of Italy 6-3, 6-4.

On the men's side, fourth seed Mats Wilander of Sweden, the Australian Open champ, dropped his third set against qualifying-rent "lucky loser" Sherwood Stewart of Woodstock, Texas, but recovered to win 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5. Tim Mayotte, the No. 16 seed, defeated Marcelo Beorari of Brazil 7-5, 7-6, 6-1 in a match continued from Monday.

In the meanwhile, the battle lines are drawn between John McEnroe and the media. Typewritten and cameras at 50 paces.

This is war. On Monday, McEnroe quietly thrashed Australia's Paul McNamee. Then he took on a bigger foe — the media — and fired the first shot. "No cameras, no lights for the McEnroe interview," a Wimbledon official said and the defending champion made his entrance into the interview room. "John McEnroe does not wish any television cameras and lights."

Tom McEnroe appeared. "I've decided to let my racket do my talking," the left-hander said. "I will not be doing this press conference if I didn't have it, and I don't have to do TV. You TV people distort everything I say and only show what I want. Over here, you people have a sense of caring about human beings, and I think it's sad, I don't understand it. So many of you don't even care to talk about tennis."

RESULTS

Men's Singles
Curran beat Denton; Vinner beat Gurfel; Sait beat Gunnarsson; Bale beat Alexander; Goun beat Mitchell; Shalov beat Schaperga; Mach beat Arroya; Forger beat Gumbrecht; Davis beat Jarryd; Tarr beat Roger-Vasselin; John Lloyd beat Masur; Koharsky beat Gene Mayer; Tim Gullikson beat Simpson; Connors beat Bourner; Melser beat Beneti; Shaw beat Claudio Panatta; Krawtchenko beat Shalov; Perkis beat Freeman; Gonzalez beat Gottfried; Sundstrom beat Bolles; Mayotte beat Beorari; Anacone beat Smith; Oleppu beat Whitely; Gehring beat Slone.

Women's Singles

Navratilova beat Louie; Teeguarden beat El-Yazbi; Razed beat Fairbank; Wade beat El-Yazbi; Houtan beat Masur; Navratilova beat Garrison beat El-Yazbi; Navratilova beat Capri; Turnbull beat Wolke; Sukova beat El-Yazbi; Jordan beat Ludloff; Benjamin beat El-Yazbi; Maderna beat Maudslott; Reva beat Parodi; Tim Mayotte beat Platel; Platel beat El-Yazbi; res beat Reynolds; Rush beat El-Yazbi; Shalov beat Savchenko; Bassett beat Wolfe; Collie beat Herremann.

TA gets Davis Cup

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's semi-final European Zone "A" Davis Cup tie against Switzerland will be played at the Israel Tennis Centre courts in Ramat Hasharon from July 19 to 21. The local tennis association's management committee decided here last night.

Four of the 16 members present voted for Jerusalem as the venue of the match, following the success of the recent second-round cup tie between Israel and Poland in the capital. However, there were eight votes in favour of Ramat Hasharon and four abstentions, association spokesman Ilan Ben-Zvi told me last night. The greater audience potential in Ramat Hasharon as compared to Jerusalem had been an important factor in the final decision, Ben-Zvi reported. Other considerations were the preference of the Davis Cup players and management and the wish of the association to spread major events around the country.

Bloom wins

Over the week-end, Gild Bloom scored another success for Israel on the London tennis scene, when he and American Patrick McEnroe, younger brother of John, won the double event at the World Junior Tennis Circuit tournament in the capital. Both boys are aged 17.

World record

INDIANAPOLIS (Reuters). — American John Moffet smashed the 100m breaststroke world record yesterday at the opening day of the U.S. Olympic swimming trials. Moffet, 19, won the 100m breaststroke world record holder Steve Clark, who set the previous world mark of 1:02.16 at last year's Pan American games in Caracas, with a time of 1:02.16.

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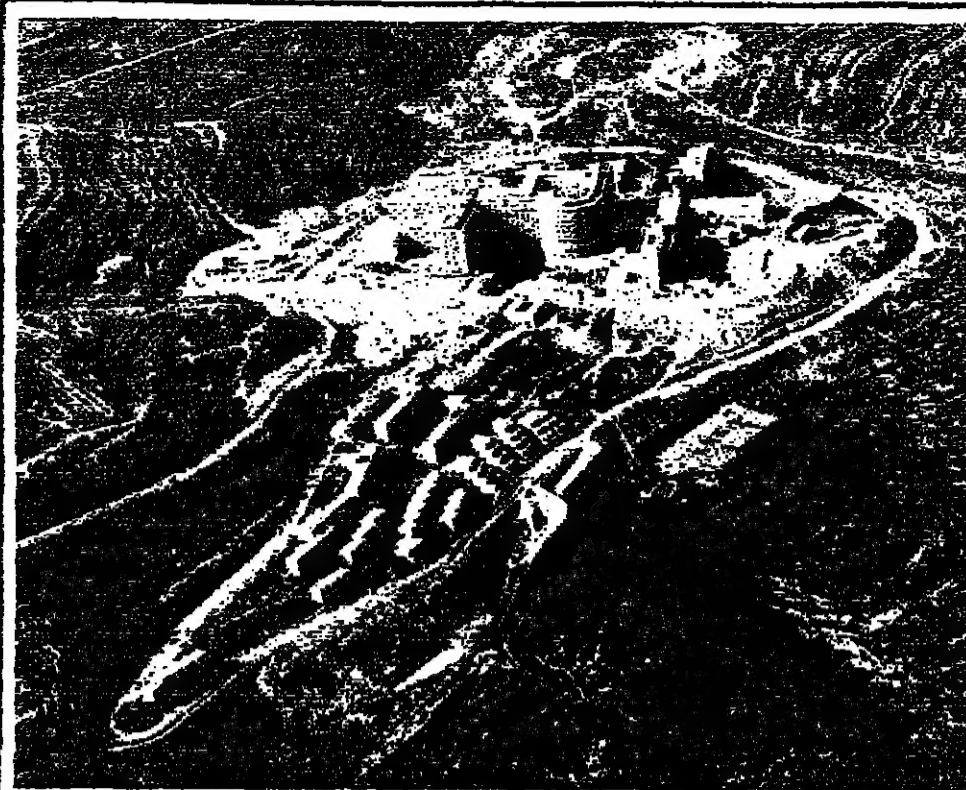
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HEALING IN PRIVATE

The Post's David Krivine assesses a project for private care which has been functioning at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.



An aerial view of Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem (left); private ward at the hospital.



(Werner Brown, A. Hazan)

"SHARAP" has become a vogue term: it is made up from the initials of the Hebrew for "private medical service." It exists at the privately-owned Hadassah Hospital, in Jerusalem, and has succeeded so well that the Housing Ministry intends to introduce it as a pilot project at a government-owned hospital.

If you are a member of Kupat Holim in Jerusalem and need heart surgery, you currently have to wait a year (unless your case is urgent). You then proceed to a designated hospital, where a designated surgeon performs the operation.

To be fair it should be stated that the waiting period for a Haifa hospital is at the moment only two months, and a Kupat Holim member can opt to have his surgery there.

Let us assume, however, that the patient wants it done in Jerusalem, his home town, and by a surgeon of his own choosing. This is where Sharap comes in. For a by-pass operation by one of Hadassah's top heart surgeons he is charged \$4,390. (This includes a fee for anaesthesia, nursing and an operating theatre). The wait is only a few weeks.

MANY of the good people who have devoted a lifetime of service to Kupat Holim or to other areas of public medicine find this system offensive. The chief merit of public medicine is that it is egalitarian. In the olden days there were no long delays because the poor, unable to afford treatment, did not clutter the better hospitals. Plenty of time was left to deal with the moneyed few.

Today the healing of sickness is a universal right. Priority is determined according to the urgency of the patient's need, not to the size of his pocket-book. Hence the holdups and bottlenecks. But they must be lived with.

If commercialism is introduced through the back door (defenders of the health insurance scheme say), social justice will fly out the window. Private patients will get their surgery on demand. The doctors won't have time for the sick fund patients, who will have to wait not one but two and three years until their turn comes up.

The following situation will become commonplace: a working man is earmarked for surgery a year or more hence. Six months after he takes ill, his boss is seized with the same complaint. Within a short time the boss is back at work fully healed and recovered, while the worker is still on medication, waiting for a

vacancy in the operating theatre. Is that tolerable?

IN PRINCIPLE it is not. But there is one practical justification, and Professor Baruch Modan, director-general of the Health Ministry, has made it the central plank of his new project. Sharap, as it is to be applied in government hospitals, would contribute to shortening, not lengthening the sick fund patient's waiting time.

The boss would still be treated before the worker, but note should be taken of the high price he has to pay because that price performs an important role. Public medicine cannot manage with the budget it has—in any country. The advance of medical technology makes treatment prohibitively expensive. So extra cash from private sources can ease financial difficulties.

The important point however is that private treatment would not be

at the expense of the public wards. In Modan's scheme the boss—if he opts for Sharap wouldn't intrude on the sick fund patient's time. His operation would take place outside working hours.

Under present conditions, surgical facilities (operating theatre, laboratories, X-ray departments) function until 3 p.m. or thereabouts, and are then shut until the following morning. What the ministry proposes is that the doctors, nurses, laboratory assistants and X-ray technicians do extra time outside working hours in return for extra pay, using equipment that is idle at that time anyway.

What of the law on working hours? Israel is a signatory to the international labour convention limiting the working day to eight hours and the workweek to 48 hours. And there is sense in those limitations. Anybody working flat-out for the permitted span is likely to be dog-tired at the end of it. He would

not be at his best doing overtime.

Modan offers two answers. One: medical staffs do overtime already. Specialists have private patients, legally or illegally. X-ray technicians do private work outside office hours. The new proposal merely regularizes existing practice — and lets the hospital share in the gain.

This is not a good answer, because people shouldn't work more than 48 hours a week on jobs requiring maximal concentration. It is neither healthy for them nor for the patients. Modan's second answer offers a better alternative: staff should devote less than a full workweek to public medicine. This would leave them with a fixed amount of spare time for Sharap.

Let us assume that surgeons decide to work three-quarters of the week in the public wards. The hospital will not want to decrease the amount of treatment it metes out to

the sick fund patients. It will therefore have to engage one-third more personnel — at no additional cost, since each staff-member receives only three-quarters of full pay.

The addition of one-third more staff, all working full-time (if we include their stint of private medicine), would be a net gain, because the number of patients in 1970 will not increase. The private patients aren't a new segment of the population, they have been frequenting those same hospitals all along. The difference is that they will now be treated after 3 p.m., under a scheme called Sharap for which they choose to pay.

The patients who remain under public medicine will be correspondingly fewer in number — yet the manpower and facilities at their disposal will be just as great as before. Moreover part of the fees paid by the private patient will accrue to the hospital, allowing it to do still more for the public sector than previously.

HOW MANY will opt for Sharap? Not only the rich qualify. Our prosperous society contains a large layer of middle-income citizens who can manage to scrape together once in a lifetime a few thousand dollars for a major operation.

On the other hand, not all those who can afford the money will choose to spend it in this way. There are reasons for and reasons against. One reason for is that people like having the "best" doctor. But statistics do not show any marked difference in fatality — and recovery rates between public and private patients.

More important as a "for" consideration is waiting-time. Nobody likes to nurse his ailment, many will pay to get the ordeal with the scalpel over and done with. This is where the assistance of Sharap comes in. It expands the size of the medical services. People paying extra will be treated more quickly — and so even-

tually will those who don't pay extra, because more time will be left for them.

If the delay suffered by public patients is shortened, why join Sharap? Many will not in the end, even if they can afford to. Sharap should end up as a fairly moderate-sized affair.

This conclusion is supported by another statistic. Hadassah possesses in addition to Sharap a private wing where patients can have a private room to themselves for \$50 a day. No urgent need presses them to make this choice. It won't give them a better doctor, or shorter waiting-time.

All it gives them is something like the bonus of travelling first-class by plane. Its appeal is thus primarily to the well-heeled. The private wing contains two-dozen rooms, out of more than 700 in Hadassah-Ein-Karem. How many of them are occupied?

Just over half. Fourteen out of a total of 24.

THE PATIENT who has the chance of paying extras under Sharap generally belongs to Kupat Holim or another health insurance fund. The payment he makes out of his own pocket is only part of what the hospital receives. It also charges the health insurance fund a sum which comes to approximately \$100 a day. Let us make a calculation. \$4,390 for a 14-day stay works out at \$300 per diem. So the revenue accruing to the hospital is \$100 a day for a public patient, and \$400 a day for a Sharap patient. (This is without the private room, which is extra.)

The \$100 a day is standard for all hospitalized public patients, though some require expensive surgery and others only inexpensive drugs. That sum is insufficient to cover Hadassah's total costs, and its end-of-the-year deficit has to be covered by the Ministry of Finance.

Patients who have no health insurance cover (foreign tourists for example) pay \$250 a day for hospitalization, which puts them on a par with the public patients. For Sharap they have to pay extra.

Sharap thus offers a salutary infusion of funds to institutions that cannot make both ends meet. It also permits a dose of extra income for the surgeons. This is not a bad thing, considering what earnings they can command abroad and on the private market. More flexibility in wages is desirable, if only to reduce the brain-drain among medical men taking refuge overseas.

HOMAGE TO TAL

MUSIC REVIEWS

The excellent instrumentalists were Sarah Fuxon-Hayman, piano; Yuval Kaminkovsky, viola; Alexander Kaganovsky, cello; and Eyal Vilner, horn. Shimon Lev-Ari provided a fine narration.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

"IOLANTHE" — by Gilbert & Sullivan (Gerard Behar Centre, Jerusalem, June 19). Presented by the Light Opera Group of the Negev; Producers: Shalom Tel-Oren; Fairies: Dalas, Margot, Karta, Barona. At the piano: Marina Schmidt; Conductor: Eri Doron. (All income from the concert to benefit the scholarship fund of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, Jerusalem Branch).

THE HILARIOUS presentation of *Ruddigore* by G & S exactly a year ago whetted our appetite for more of

the same. And we got it: Shalom Tel-Oren's stubborn dedication created another entertaining production in *Iolanthe*, mobilizing talents from every possible source: professors of education, judges, doctors, biologists and even some professional singers and actors who have miraculously settled in Beersheva. The conductor, kibbutznik Eli Doron, and pianist Marina Schmidt, a brand-new immigrant from Rumania, both fulfilled their tasks most efficiently.

Grenadier Guards private, or an allergist at the Soroka Medical Centre pronounce that he is half a fairy — to mention only two of the many funny associations in this cast — seems enough to characterize the company and its social and musical importance in, around, and beyond the Negev.

Marian Davidson (Fairy Queen) acted and sang particularly well; Amiel Schotz (Lord Chancellor) twisted his tongue excellently and put his acting ability to good use. It

was all so perfectly "British" that Adi Adar, as Lord Tolloller could not, despite his valiant efforts, conceal his Rumanian background and was visibly a "stranger" among the "natives." His voice, however, was an asset. An army doctor and Soroka pediatrician, Adar studies singing on the side. Also in fine voice was Gail Greene in the role of Phyllis.

Space does not permit me to name more of the cast which so dedicatedly contributed to the success of the production. Deserving of mention, however, are the imaginative costumes and stage props.

In addition to swelling the AACI's scholarship fund, the production

gave many former "Anglo-Saxons" a nostalgic evening, while affording the rest of the audience a glimpse of English wit, humour and social criticism of the House of Lords and parliament in the time of Queen Victoria (has much changed since then?).

It is to be hoped that this shining example of the volunteer spirit will stimulate more amateurs into getting together and activating hidden theatrical and musical talent for their own and their community's benefit.

The powers that be should recognize this commendable effort and help it to continue.

YOHANAN BOEHM

CONCERT DEDICATED TO THE WORKS OF JOSEF TAL — The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Gary Bertini conducting with Walter Boeykens, clarinet, and Adi Etzion-Zak, soprano (Tel Aviv Museum, June 21). Concerts for Clarinet and Chamber Orchestra "Ela" (Honorary Chamber Series for music, soprano, narrator and instruments) "Imago" for Chamber Orchestra.

IN HONOUR of the veteran composer Josef Tal, recipient of the Wolf Foundation Prize, a special concert of his works was held within the framework of the Exploration Series of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. Regrettably, the programme was changed several times, and the decision not to perform the 3rd Symphony, one of Tal's masterpieces, was particularly regrettable. Another unforgivable mishap was the breakdown of the electronic equipment, which resulted in the non-performance of Piano Concerto No. 6 with electronic accompaniment.

The 1980 Clarinet Concerto and the 1982 "Imago" provided an interesting picture of Tal's style and compositional methods. It is apparent that Tal is not a member of the avant garde, and that his music maintains norms. However, it is undeniably contemporary music and strikingly original.

Tal's music consists of a sequence of seemingly independent motifs connected in an associative manner, and creates an unbreakable chain of reaction and counter-reaction. Slowly a special kind of continuity makes itself felt. The work finally appears extraordinarily coherent and complete. The music constantly surprises. This inevitably results in a certain feeling of improvisational freedom but the listener senses also strict organization, and a guiding intellect at work.

Another highly original quality of Tal's music is his treatment of the orchestra or chamber ensemble. There is no climactic tutti reminiscent of the Romantic era. Each instrument speaks for itself, and contributes to a slowly thickening polyphonic dialogue.

IN THE Clarinet Concerto, the solo part, exquisitely played by the Belgian Walter Boeykens, is first among equals. Integrated masterfully into the orchestral texture, it is in constant dialogue with all the other instruments. The relationship between the clarinet and the horn (brilliantly played by Eyal Vilner) is particularly fascinating.

"Imago" develops on similar lines both in the interaction of its motifs and in its texture. This is pure and absolute music with no other message than what the sounds relay. Full enjoyment of the piece demands a considerable intellectual effort. Bertini's performance was highly imaginative and intriguing.

"ELSE", inspired by the strange personality of the German Jewish woman poet, Else Lasker-Schueler, is more in the nature of theatre music. As it is an older piece, and has been heard here several times, I will not attempt a critique of it. Gary Bertini proved a discriminating conductor. Adi Etzion-Zak was in excellent vocal form, and tackled the difficult solo part with great insight.

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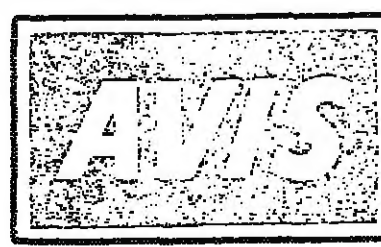
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Nigeria in arrears for \$25 million

Koortrade is insured for 90% of possible loss

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Nigerian government owes Koortrade about \$25 million for goods and services supplied over the past few years. "This sum is far from lost," Josef Bernthal, manager of the huge international marketing organization, said yesterday in discussing his company's activities for 1983 and its targets for 1984.

"Nigeria is the richest country in Africa and it has vast oil reserves. Until it ran into the present hard times, it was always a reliable customer." However, if the Nigerian government cannot honour its debt, Koortrade will recover about 90 per cent of the debt from the Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Corporation, leaving it to absorb a loss of about \$2.5m. This sum has been entered on the company's book as a "doubtful debt," not as a loss.

Bernthal and Amir Segev, his deputy, projected a 28 per cent increase in Koortrade's activities this year. However, a considerable part of this growth depended on con-

tinued sales to Nigeria, and this might not materialize to the extent hoped for.

During 1983, Koortrade had a total turnover of \$558m. Of this sum \$149m. was exports handled by its Euro-American division and \$67m. by its Afro-Asian division. This was a total of exports of \$216m. Sales by its Domestic division within Israel totalled \$161m., and another \$86m. worth of goods were imported, making a total of \$247m. for this division. Its International division had a turnover of \$95m.

This division handles trade between two foreign countries and has only an indirect relationship to Israel. For example, if Koortrade manages to sell a complete project, such as a factory, to some country or group, and needs various items to "round out the picture," it will buy them abroad and ship them abroad.

This year's target is for \$717m., which, as mentioned, is a 28 per cent increase over last year. Exports are expected to rise by 32 per cent, with the fastest growing market being the

Far East. The Domestic division is expected to grow by 13 per cent and international trade by 59 per cent.

Turning to plans for the next five years, Bernthal said that greater emphasis would be placed on enlarging the American market, which even today is Koortrade's single biggest customer, taking some \$114m. in exports last year. The Far East also is expected to become an ever growing customer, even those countries which have no diplomatic relations with Israel.

"We also hope to penetrate much deeper into the East bloc," he said, especially Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia (the latter mainly barter trade). The main items which Koortrade will try to sell in the East bloc are chemicals, electronics and telecommunications equipment.

"We entered the barter market for the first time in 1983," he explained. "It is not too satisfactory an arrangement, for it is a cumbersome way of trading. Moreover, there are little or no profits in this area; on the other hand so far we have avoided losses." Bernthal admitted that marketing



Josef Bernthal

was getting rougher all the time, due to the worldwide recession and dwindling markets. Therefore, the organization was earmarking some \$3.5m. this year for market promotion.

The organization, although an affiliate of Koor Industries, does not market all the output of Koor Industries, since many large Koor branches market directly. However, Koortrade does handle several hundred more firms, including many in the kibbutz and private sector, and in the government sector.

\$408m. budget for Jewish Agency

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish Agency Treasurer Akiva Lewinsky told the plenary budget session of the Agency assembly in Jerusalem yesterday that he had submitted a \$408 million budget for fiscal 1984/85, including \$48m. for Project Renewal. Last year, Lewinsky revealed, the Jewish Agency had pre-financed Project Renewal to the extent of \$30m. because communities had been tardy in turning their pledges into cash.

Lewinsky implied that following the elections the Jewish Agency will have to take a greater share of the responsibility for Project Renewal. He predicted a curtailing of activities by any government coming into office.

On the other hand, he doubted that the Jewish Agency would be able to maintain the same level of activity as last year, let alone expand. He was adamant that under no circumstances would the Agency spend more on projects and salaries than its actual cash income.

How to budget intelligently in times of three-digit inflation, said Lewinsky, has become a major issue. Last year, the Jewish Agency adjusted its budget after six months. Quarterly adjustments were planned for this year, but with the speed of inflation, adjustments will be made every two months. "I pray," said Lewinsky, "that we shall not have to make monthly adjustments."

After addressing the session, Fi-

nance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orag was told in no uncertain terms that the Jewish Agency Assembly was not the place for election propaganda. Cohen-Orag had been explaining the difficulties of fighting inflation and said that he was sorry that "for political reasons" the labour unions were not ready to enter into a social pact with employers and the government.

Angry delegates protested vigorously from the floor, shouting in Hebrew and in English that they did not want to listen to propaganda. However, one delegate reacted to the actual contents of the minister's speech, and asked whether the Treasury had been ready to enter

into such a pact.

The answer was affirmative. Cohen-Orag said that just after he had come into office, he had asked the Histadrut to join in a social pact which would smooth the way for economic recovery. The timing had been wrong because the Histadrut wanted to wait for Yisrael Kassar to take over from Yehoram Meshel as secretary-general. Later, according to Cohen-Orag, there were other excuses.

Cohen-Orag said that the only way to avoid "heavy unemployment" in the fight against inflation, was to coordinate the efforts of the government, the employers and the Histadrut.

Costa Rica says its coffee is better

"Costa Rica seeks increased trade links with Israel — we are particularly interested in selling our coffee to you, which you may find of better quality than some of the coffee you are buying now," This was stated by Eduardo Jenkins, Ambassador of Costa Rica, in his address to the B'nai B'rith luncheon forum here this week.

A group of 40 leaders of B'nai B'rith Lodges in Jerusalem heard the ambassador describe how Costa Rica had lowered its inflation from over 100 per cent to between 15 and 20 per cent by restricting imports to essential raw materials and by ensuring a realistic exchange rate. In the process, per capita income fell by 30

per cent, "but we had no choice," Jenkins said.

Costa Rica has no army (it was abolished in 1949). Moving its embassy to Jerusalem caused it a trade loss "of about \$10 million" with the Arab countries. The ambassador's address follows the recent honouring by B'nai B'rith District 23 of the President of Costa Rica at its annual convention.

AIR INDIA. — The European Airbus consortium has beaten American manufacturer Boeing for an Air India order of six A310-300 airliners worth about \$500 million, including spares and training.

Veteran ad agency opens int'l division

TEL AVIV. — The Wimmer Jacobson Tamir advertising agency announces the opening of its international division. The new division will specialize in total marketing communication programmes for export companies.

David Tamir, general manager of the agency, says that "there is a real need for good solid international advertising."

The international division will be the responsibility of Gerry Yampolsky and Nancy Sunshine. Yampolsky, who holds a degree in marketing, is a copywriter and producer with several years' experience in a large Canadian ad agency, who will handle strategic and creative planning. Sunshine is an international media specialist and an experienced account executive both in Israel and the U.S. She has a degree in communications.

"We want to show our clients the various facets of advertising — things like audio-visuals, videotex, dealer support, premiums and incentives, direct marketing, as well as traditional media advertising," Yampolsky said.

Airport lighting

TEL AVIV. — Elconatrol, a subsidiary of Alco, recently finished installing a computerized control system for the lighting system of the runways at Ben-Gurion Airport. The company hopes to export similar systems to the U.S. and Europe in 1985. The basic cost is about \$300,000.

Rise in electricity use slows down

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — After three years of near-stagnation, industrial production, especially for export, took off again during the 1983/84 fiscal year, increasing its electricity consumption by 7.41 per cent.

Overall power consumption, for industrial, domestic, commercial and agricultural purposes rose by only 4 per cent during the year, compared with a 6.5 per cent increase the year before. Shmuel Ritten, head of the Electric Corporation's statistics and marketing department, gave these figures to a press conference here yesterday.

Ritten said that power consumption was a primary indicator of economic trends. The diamond industry made the biggest spurt, with a 37 per cent rise in power consumption. It was followed by industries producing minerals, chemicals, metals, electric and electronic goods, which consumed 9 per cent more electricity.

During the year the real cost of power generating went down from 6.5 U.S. cents to 5.9 U.S. cents per kilowatt-hour thanks to the new coal-fired station in Hadera.

Household consumption declined by 2.3 per cent during the year, as against a 12 per cent rise the year

before. This was due to the change in government policy, from the high electricity subsidies and cheap electrical appliances of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor to the reduced subsidies and reduced spending power resulting from Yigal Cohen-Orag's policy reversal and the stock exchange collapse. The mild winter, which entailed much less heating, also helped reduce domestic consumption.

Kibbutzim showed an especially big saving in their electricity needs, which went from an increase of 18 per cent in 1982/83 to a decline of 3.6 per cent last year. This was in large measure due to the members being made aware of the high cost of wasting electricity, Ritten said.

Farmers also cut down drastically on their consumption, from a 15.4 per cent rise in 1982/83 to a 2 per cent decline last year.

On the other hand, commercial and public consumers, including hotels and municipalities (street lighting), used 8 per cent more electricity. This tended to show that these sectors were the least affected by cost considerations.

A survey by the corporation showed that 72 per cent of all households now own colour TV, compared to 5 per cent in 1979. Only 8 per cent have no TV sets at all.

The statistics are as follows: for washing machines, 84 per cent of all homes, electric baking ovens, 84 per cent and electric heaters, 64 per cent. These percentages had not changed very much, he said.

The change-over to solar water heaters was continuing and today 54 per cent of all households have them, compared to 40 per cent in 1979. Even residents in big buildings with central hot water supplies were changing over to solar heaters, Ritten added.

Today's average household consumes 3,000 kw/hours per year, saving 1,000 kw/hours by the switch to solar heaters.

On the other hand, the corporation's own employees, who enjoy free electricity, use an average of 5,100 kw/hours. A joint management-staff committee has now asked them to limit themselves and will soon check and eventually take disciplinary measures against those who use an "undue" amount.

Airconditioners are becoming more common, with 19 per cent of all households now having them, an increase of 8 per cent over 1979. This development is expected to shift peak consumption from winter to the summer months soon.

Deep-freezers are now used in 10 per cent of households, compared to only 3 per cent in 1979, with dishwashers in 6 per cent of homes.

Ritten noted the success of the corporation's peak load pricing policy for big industrial consumers. This plan already covers 674 firms, which consume 32 per cent of all power, and has saved \$18 million during the year. The corporation expects big users to stagger their working hours soon to help save electricity costs by working during off-peak hours.

U.S. dollar peaks against Canadian \$

LONDON (AP). — The U.S. dollar surged to a record closing high against the Canadian dollar but fell against other key currencies in quiet European trading yesterday. Gold prices rose. Foreign exchange dealers said profit-taking took the strength out of the dollar after its surge Monday against all major world currencies.

The Canadian dollar, which has been generally tumbling against the U.S. dollar for several years, fell to a new low for the third straight trading day, reaching U.S.\$1.31225 late yesterday.

In Tokyo the dollar slipped in

brisk trading, finishing at 237.53 yen, down from a nine-month high of 238.35 yen at Monday's close.

In London sterling recovered slightly after falling to record lows over the five trading days. It cost \$1.35385 to buy one British pound, more expensive than Monday's record low of \$1.3501.

Israeli banks fall behind in world ranking

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The three biggest Israeli banks lost ground in 1983 on the list of the 500 biggest banks in the world. The rankings, measured on the basis of several balance sheet components, but not on the basis of profitability, are published in the prestigious British monthly, *The Banker*.

According to the magazine's figures, Bank Mizrahi was the only Israeli bank to improve its ranking, rising from 359 to 337 in the top 500.

Bank Leumi dropped four places, from 83 to 87, Bank Hapoalim lost 8 rankings, to number 98, and Discount fell to 151 from 140 last year.

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18:30 News roundup
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18:45 Agriculture Today
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19:30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 with a news roundup
20:02 Wild Otter — nature film
20:30 Mabat Newsweek
21:00 Football — live broadcast from Paris of the European Cup final
23:00 Cannon — thriller: The Hit Man
23:30 News

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7:30 Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio Espagnole (Ormandy); Tchaikovsky-Gauk: "The Seasons" (Svetlanov); Brindini: Symphony No. 3; Rakhmaninov: "Gavane", Ballet Suite (Rostrodolensky)

9:30 Mendelssohn: Midsummer Night's Dream, overture (Chen); Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2 (Emil Gilels, Berlin Philharmonic, Jocham); Dvorak: Symphony No. 5, Op. 24 (London Symphony, Gilels); Beethoven: String Quartet, Op. 130 (New Zealand)
12:00 Christoff Eschenbach plays Schubert: Pieces for Piano; Beethoven: Sonata, Op. 106
13:05 Bach: Welltem: The Clever Virgin: Farkas: Ballet Suite; Debussy: La Boite à joujou; Khachaturian: Spartacus; Mordehai Seter: Yephthah's Daughter
15:00 The Musical Folklore of France (part 1)

15:30 Youth Programme
16:30 Concert (no details available)
18:00 Contemporary Music — Josef Tal: Death of Moses, Requiem (Mira Zakai, Rehov University)

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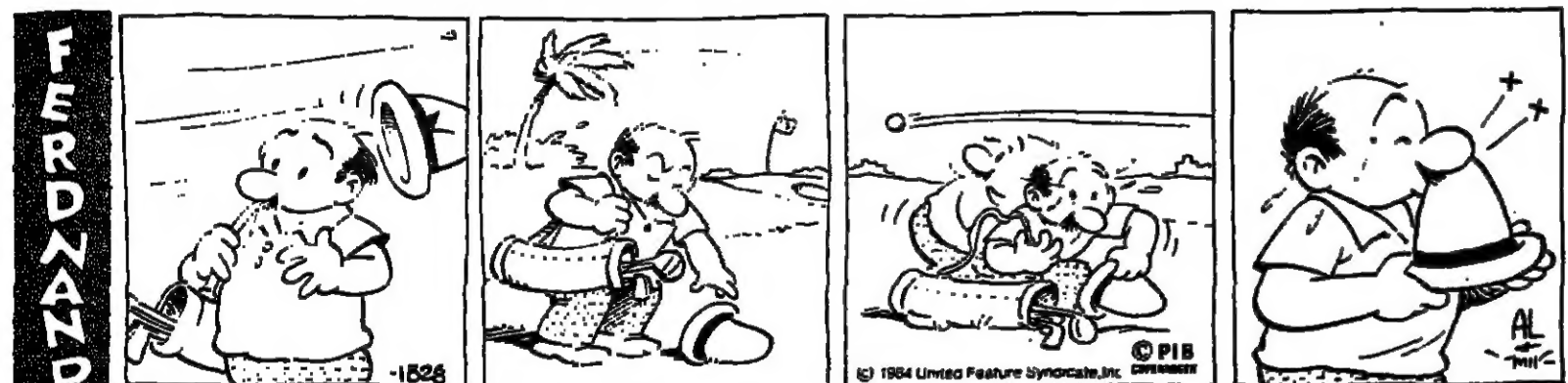
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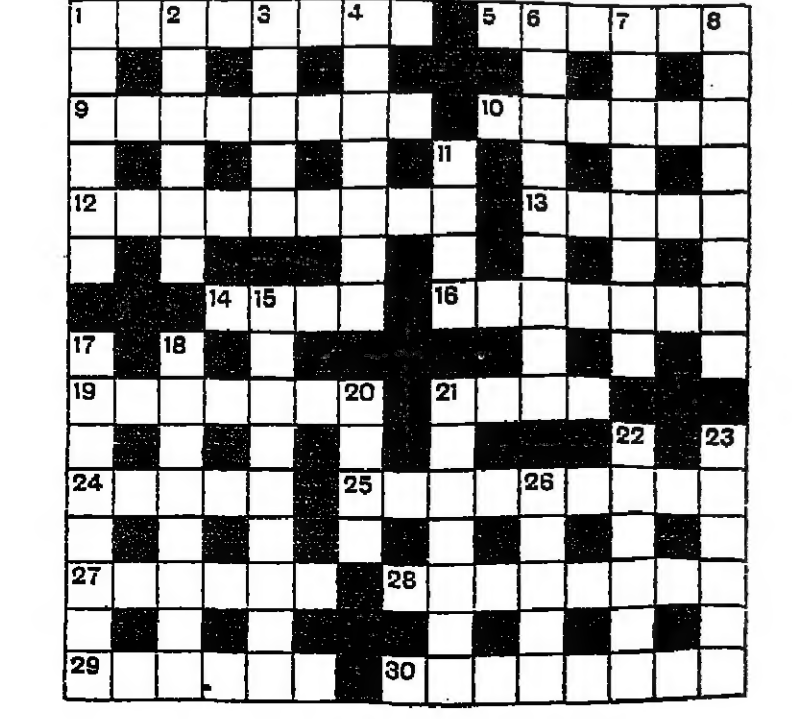
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ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Select Scottish port for a Dickensian character (8)
 - The spirit of Holland conventionally chosen in Switzerland (8)
 - 9 & 10: A round robin perhaps? (8, 8)
 - To and fro in every direction especially vertically (2, 3, 4)
 - Attends upon Christmas singers (5)
 - Resistance units initially heading many an official communication (4)
 - By no means a good-looker, but superstitiously malignant (4, 5)
 - Searches for food for a long time (7)
 - The girl to avoid (4)
 - Wrench away what remains for the listener (5)
 - One-time royal apple-woman (9)
 - Bustily occupied mentally — on where to find the camper? (8)
 - Accommodation in four parts (8)
 - Semi-soft drink at the bar and in shy surroundings (5)
 - One of those men of Harlech no doubt (8)
- DOWN**
- 1 & 7: Take advice by which the waiter might profit (4, 2, 1, 3, 4)
 - 2: Soundly sequential at the breakfast table (6)
 - 3: Convulsed type of injury (5)
 - 4: As no cry is set up they make their mark (7)
 - 5: White bloomers enhance Alpine beauty (9)
 - 7: Curled up together we intend to be disentangled (8)
 - 8: Apprehended when checked (8)
 - 11: The poker player's stake in beat disarray (4)
 - 12: Posh, though perhaps shrill time (4, 5)
 - 17: See I down
 - 18: Refreshment for the novice golfer, we hear? (5, 3)
 - 20: Wine to plunder (4)
 - 21: Ascertain extent of an old dance (7)
 - 22: A term's recollection of running water (6)
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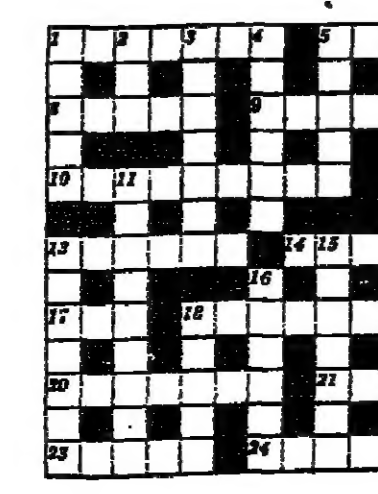
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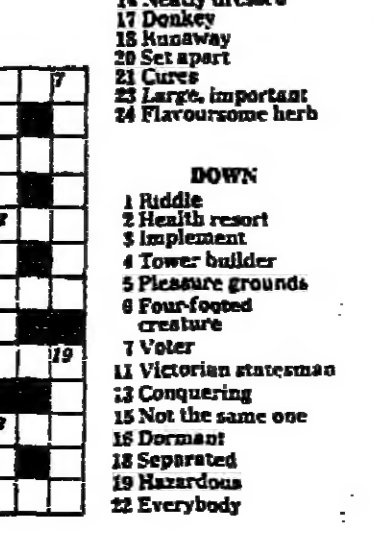
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The invisibles

IN POLITICAL campaigns, as in other areas of public life, what is not immediately visible often goes unremarked. And yet it is precisely what the parties seek to conceal that generally deserves to be brought to public light.

One very good example of this is the policy of the Likud campaign managers to keep the Liberal Party out of view of the electorate. That party is an embarrassment to Herut in more ways than one.

The Liberals symbolize for many Herut voters a whole cluster of negative characteristics. First, they seem to be a collection of politicians without a constituency. Therefore, they get, but don't give. They receive power and perks, out of all proportion to the votes they deliver in an election. In short they are perceived as parasitic.

Moreover, they symbolize bourgeois values, which are antithetical to the populist rhetoric of Herut. Those values may also characterize some elements of Herut as well, but they have never intruded into the heart of Herut symbolism.

The leading Liberal personalities have also proved themselves to be a contentious lot, squabbling and intriguing with and against each other. This reflects the hollowiness of the party's structure. But whatever the cause, it does not permit them to project a more appealing front during the election campaign.

No wonder then that the Herut strategists are intent on keeping the Liberals in the closet. What is extraordinary, however, is that the Liberal politicians have reconciled themselves to their role of poor cousins. They are the invisible men of the Likud. Apparently they believe this to be a role they deserve.

Nothing exemplifies this more strikingly than the present absence from the country of the Liberal Party's official chief, Yitzhak Modai, the Energy Minister. Just at the time when the campaign is beginning to heat up, Mr. Modai has taken his leave. On official business of course, but nevertheless politically astounding.

The concealment of the Liberals does not mean, of course, that the Herut leaders will buckle under the strain of carrying on the campaign without the active participation of their lacklustre partners. Messrs. Shamir, Levy and their fellows will wage their battle against the opposition with the energy and craft of seasoned political warriors. They prefer not to have the Liberals get in the way.

Yet the shadow of their partner remains. It cannot be totally erased. Thus while Herut's strategy can be easily understood, it cannot be considered as deriving from a position of strength.

...and invincibles

IN THE spate of strikes and labour disruptions to which the country has been subject, one area of disruption has been unnoticed — disruptions in the postal and telephone services.

The reason for this is simply that the public has become accustomed to woeful service in both these areas so that it can no longer distinguish between bad service as a result of normal work or labour disruption.

In the area of mail delivery, this condition has led to the proliferation of private delivery arrangements. Professional and commercial enterprises have taken to employing their own internal resources to despatch and receive postal material. Or, as an alternative, they can make use of private delivery firms that have emerged to step into the vacuum left by the public service.

Unfortunately, no such detour is available for the telephone hookup. Here the citizenry must bear with a system subject to constant breakdowns, where wrong numbers and bad connections compete on a par with proper communication.

This has not prevented Israel's intrepid manufacturers of communication equipment from developing and marketing advanced computerized switchings. But this equipment, characteristic of a modern industrialized state, is being installed upon an infrastructure of maintenance and service characteristic of an underdeveloped country.

The creation of a public company, Bezek, was intended by Zippori, the minister, to slice through this self-made paradox. But the consumer of the telephone services has yet to see any improvement, despite the minister's promises.

It is too late now, but a party running on the single issue of improving the country's postal and phone services, could no doubt have won many voters' hearts.

A PHILANTHROPIC MAZE

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

DIASPORA JEWS have contributed close to \$800 million to Israeli universities through the Jewish Agency since 1971, and this year they will add another \$65m. to the total. That represents a hefty chunk of the \$450m. budget for higher education for this fiscal year.

These millions, which do not include funds contributed directly to the country's universities through the various "friends" organizations, seem to represent a massive Diaspora commitment to the cause of higher education in Israel.

Yet most of the Diaspora representatives now attending the Jewish Agency Assembly in Jerusalem would probably be surprised to learn that higher education in Israel is in a state of deep financial crisis caused by the severe cuts in government support during the last two years.

To judge from the deliberations of the assembly, one could draw the conclusion that the crisis does not exist and that Diaspora Jewry has more important things to worry about. The discussions held on the Agency budget yesterday barely mentioned the crisis, and the background material prepared by Agency officials and distributed to the delegates contains not one word on this subject, one of the biggest single items on the 1984/5 Agency budget of \$408m.

Instead, there is the usual bland rationale for the Agency contributions to higher education that appears in its budget book and which has probably not been changed for the last 15 years or more:

"The intention in making these grants is that they will encourage the absorption of immigrant professors and students, the training of social workers and teachers, financial aid to students... and research and community activities to raise the standard of disadvantaged students and in general the cultural and educational advancement of the people of Israel."

Not very informative, but still hard to disagree with as a statement of general principles.

THE CRUEL FACTS of life on campus today are as follows: The government, which provides about 65 per cent of the money to run the universities, has cut its allocations by 25 per cent in the last two years. This has derailed the balanced budgets that the universities struggled hard to achieve in the mid-1970s, and has thrown the entire university system into a \$60m. deficit that deepens by the day.

The budget squeeze has led to the sacking of about 150 junior faculty in the last two years, and more may get the axe in the coming year. The future academic manpower of the universities has not been the only sacrifice. Budgets for scientific equipment and books and periodicals continue to dwindle, putting Israeli researchers further and further behind their peers abroad.

THE BUDGET CRUNCH in the universities began about 18 months ago when a vindictive Treasury headed, then by Yoram Andor, began cutting back on allocations, because the professors had won an arbitration ruling providing them with higher salaries. The Treasury at first ignored the ruling and refused to pay, and was then forced by a court order to comply.

The resulting sudden shortfalls, imposed as a "punishment" by the Treasury, forced the universities to seek bank loans for the first time in 10 years in order to meet operating expenses. In addition, the Treasury forced the universities to accept a 6 per cent cut in allocations for the 1983/4 academic year.

Then later, in 1983, after Yigal Cohen-Orad had taken over, the

Treasury held up funds for the universities again, this time in order to force them to take an 8 per cent cut in the 1984/5 budget. The Treasury has still not reimbursed the universities for the millions of dollars in interest costs on the loans they were forced to take out while the Treasury starved them of funds.

This unpleasant tale of crude government pressure and budget cuts threatening Israel's leading position in many academic fields may sound familiar to some of the delegates to the Assembly who support the various university friends organizations. They have been making desperate appeals in the last few months to their overseas supporters for funds to battle the rising deficits.

Some of these Diaspora supporters of Israeli universities have even begun to wonder how they could be in such terrible financial straits, with contributions to the UJA on the rise and with over \$60m. collected in the Special Campaign of 1982/3 to help with Israel's "human needs," as they are termed in UJA parlance during the war in Lebanon.

Campaign organizers were even told then that the extra money was needed to prevent the government from having to make drastic cuts in its support of higher education.

But while the contributions were rolling in ostensibly to save higher education, among other things, the government began to slash away, in blatant disregard of its promises to the Diaspora fund-raisers.

WHERE WAS THE Jewish Agency during the controversy that has raged in Israel since early 1983 over cuts in the higher education budget? What can explain this philanthropic schizophrenia in which the Agency and Diaspora fund-raisers take credit for mobilizing millions of dollars

for higher education, but stand mute while the government wields its reckless budgetary axe?

This is doubly troublesome, given the emphasis placed by Agency leaders in recent years on enhancing the involvement of Diaspora Jews in Israeli affairs, a trend accelerated by the experience of direct involvement through Project Renewal.

In fields such as rural settlement, immigrant absorption, disadvantaged youth and others in which the Agency departments have a direct role in carrying out policy, the Agency or its department heads can, and do, express a point of view in the course of public debates. Diaspora communities have also learned to fight for the interests of their Renewal neighbourhoods.

In the field of higher education, however, the Agency's role has evolved over the years into being a passive conduit for cash. There is no Agency department or official charged with advocating the cause of higher education in policy debates with the government.

To put it simply, a funnel cannot act as an advocate of the "human needs" served by the universities.

THE PUBLIC BODY created 10 years ago to coordinate and plan university budgeting — the Planning and Grants Committee (PGC) of the Council for Higher Education — represents the interests of the universities without any assistance from the Agency.

During the bitter budget struggles with the Treasury since early 1983, the PGC has not once called on the Agency for support in seeking to defend the quality of higher education.

In all fairness, it should be noted that the Agency did attempt to exercise more active control over the

disposition of the UJA and Keren Hayesod funds for the universities in the mid-1970s, but was rebuffed by the government and the PGC.

That does not change the sad and unpalatable fact that today it does not really matter how much money for higher education appears in the Agency budget, since the power to determine the global allocation from public funds for higher education remains in the hands of the Treasury, which must consult with, but cannot be dictated to, by the PGC.

Thus it does not matter that the sum for higher education in this year's Agency budget is lower than last year's, even though the universities are in the midst of their worst financial crisis in 10 years.

Even if the 400 Assembly delegates were to rise as one and demand that the Agency allocation be doubled, it would not add one penny to the strapped university budgets.

If this happened, the Treasury would simply cut its own allocations to the universities in accordance with the increase from the Agency.

ONLY WHEN this fact is recognized can we understand how it is possible that the current financial crisis of the universities started in the 1982/3, the year when the Agency allocated the record sum of \$118m. for higher education.

No matter how one looks at this situation, it does not seem to live up to the standards of an active, responsible philanthropy that an increasing number of Diaspora contributors have been striving for in recent years.

One could well understand if some of these contributors drew the conclusion that the only way for them to personally help secure the future of Israel's scientific and academic achievements is to give their dollars directly to the universities instead of through the Agency.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUNDING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to your article of June 14 on the Professor Ernst Alexander X-Ray Research Laboratory at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

While I did state that there was a threat to the laboratory because of insufficient funding for scientific research in Israel, I did not imply, as stated in your article, that this meant that the laboratory was in imminent danger of closing. Rather, I wanted to stress the financial crisis that affects all scientific research in Israel, including our own, and that if this continues, it would cause us to lag behind current developments.

Professor YIZHAK YACOBY
Director, Prof. Ernst Alexander X-Ray Laboratory
Racah Institute of Physics,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jerusalem.

IN SEARCH OF EVIDENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your headline of June 5, "Burg: No arrest because no one complained," indicates a most shocking dereliction of duty.

If Minister Burg needs a formal complaint, I, though 88 and blind, hereby make such a complaint in the name of justice, decency, and to erase the shame that every citizen must feel at the callous complacency of the minister. I am prepared to appear in court to lodge such a complaint formally.

As for Minister Burg's statement that the identity of the assailants is not known, may I point out that it was publicly stated that two of the supposed hooligans were expelled from the yeshiva where they had been studying. Isn't that enough evidence to start on, Mr. Burg?

HARRY W. SCHACTER
Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM DAY SUPPLEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As a veteran JP reader, I would like to commend you on an exceptional supplement. The Jerusalem Day Magazine was informative, varied and, above all, fresh and crisp.

JUDITH KRAUSZ
Ra'anana.

DENTAL VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I spent two of the most meaningful weeks of my 34 years in dental practice when I volunteered to work at the Dental Volunteers for Israel Clinic in Mekor Haim Street, Jerusalem. It is under the patronage of Mayor Teddy Kollek and administered 24 hours a day by the dental angel of Jerusalem, Mrs. Trudi Birger, who founded the clinic in 1980.

The clinic serves thousands of poor needy children every year. They qualify through the social agencies and would become dental cripples were it not for this free treatment.

All clinical services are provided by volunteer dentists from France, Denmark, Sweden, Canada, U.S.A., etc., who spend two to four weeks on a working holiday. Living accommodations are provided for the dentists by the Municipality of Jerusalem and tender loving care to the volunteers by Trudi Birger, Herman Elbin and the multilingual nursing staff.

All supplies are donated and some are brought by the volunteers. The clinic is expanding and, like most volunteer programmes in Israel, DVI's main problem is financial. The organization relies solely on private donations and needs an estimated \$7,000 per month at this time to cover rent, salaries for dental assistants, certain essential supplies and maintenance of equipment.

My own life has been sincerely enriched by the experience and I look forward to my next visit as a volunteer. If anyone is interested to participate in this worthy cause, he can write to Trudi Birger at 7 Hameyasdim Street, Jerusalem.

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SHOCKING STATEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have just read one of the most shocking sentences that I have ever seen in your paper. In your report of June 15 on the hearings of the suspected Jewish terrorists, you state that one of the defence attorneys, "Hagler made an impassioned speech... exhorting the judge to remember that he was a Jewish (Italics mine) judge sitting in an Israeli court..." A member of the Israeli Bar asking a judge to consider his, the judge's, personal background in rendering his judgement?

Surely, this is unacceptable.

H. BERNSTEIN
Haifa.

HOOIGANISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Thank goodness that, in your editorial comment of June 7, you referred to Orthodox hooliganism and not religious hooliganism, which is surely the paradox of the year.

Jerusalem RIVKA TRENNER

OUTLAWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a 90-year-old native American (and a lifelong Zionist who recently spent nearly four years living in Israel), I cannot understand the reaction of our people in Israel to the killing of the two captured terrorists in the recent bus incident.

American history is full of the treatment of "outlaws," men who, by acting outside of the law, attacking, not military objectives and soldiers, not wearing uniforms, but preying upon innocent civilians, deserved none of the protection and consideration due to legitimate military men. Those two Arabs were outlaws, neither soldiers nor POWs.

In our desire to be just to all, even to our enemies, we must not fail to make the necessary distinction between soldiers and terrorists, between legitimate military personnel and outlaws.

ABRAHAM H. SAKIER
New York.

STRIKES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am sure that I am not the only one who is glad that TV and radio are silent. The pressure is off and the blood pressure is down. I only hope that it will go on and we will be rid of all the election propaganda for weeks to come.

Talking about peace and quiet, all the current strikes, starting from the top with foreign ministry workers and down to the bottom with postal workers, don't really bother most of us — we are used to it. The only strike I am afraid of is an eventual strike of government printers. Who will then print the money to pay for the election campaign?

Ramat Hasharon, E. SALZMAN

ELECTION SLOGAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The geniuses who coined the Likud's main election slogan, "The national camp," ought to be reminded of Dr. Johnson's famous dictum: "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel."

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